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SUBJ: BRIDGE/BARRAGE DISCUSSIONS IN DAKAR

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1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH CHARGE JAN 9, GOTG SECRETARY GENERAL CHRISTENSEN SAID MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JABANG AND PERMANENT SECRETARY TAAL ARE LEADING GAMBIA DELEGATION FOR JAN 10-11 ROUND OF BRIDGE/BARRAGE TALKS WITH SENEGALESE (REF A). SINCE GAMBIA ACTUALLY ARRIVED IN DAKAR JAN 8, THERE PRESUMABLY HAS BEEN OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER INFORMAL SOUNDINGS BEFORE TWO DELEGATIONS GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

2. ACCORDING TO CHRISTENSEN, GAMBIA HOPE TO SECURE FIRM SENEGALESE COMMITMENT FOR BRIDGE/BARRAGE, AS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BY TWO PRESIDENTS WHO MET IN DAKAR EARLY DECEMBER. GAMBIA ALSO HOPE TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, ETC., OF PROJECT AS WELL AS AGREED FORMULA FOR SECURING FULL FINANCING OF DAM/ROADWAY.

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3. CHRISTENSEN DECLARED THAT HMG WILL PROBABLY PROVIDE 200,000 POUNDS STERLING UNDER UK-GAMBIA BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO FINANCE BARRAGE ENGINEERING STUDIES. GAMBIA HAD HOPED TO HAVE FIRM BRITISH COMMITMENT FOR PRESENTATION AT CURRENT DAKAR SESSION,

BUT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE. GAMBIANS ARE CONFIDENT THAT FOREIGN
DONORS WILL COME FORWARD QUICKLY TO COMPLETE BARRAGE FUNDING
PACKAGE. AT PRESENT, EEC AND FRG HAVE DISCUSSED COMMITMENTS
COVERING ABOUT HALF OF TOTAL PROJECT COST.
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